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## COAL STRIKE MAY COME THIS WEEK

No Settlement Unless Increase, Says President Mitchell.

## LITTLE HOPE NOW FOR AGREEMENT

Wage Scale Expires Saturday, and Over 200,000 Miners May Be Called Out—Operators Are Hurling Bitter Words at One Another.

## STANDARD OIL ADMITS CHARGE

Holds Stock of Missouri and Indiana Companies In Trust.

## HADLEY SAYS HE HAS PROVEN CASE

H. H. Rogers and William G. Rockefeller on Stand During Day—Missouri Attorney General Demands Letters and Books.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 24.—After being in joint conference through committees since Tuesday afternoon, coal operators and miners of the Central Competitive District and of the Southwestern District, to-night are in agreement on an agreement on a wage scale to go into effect on April 1, that they were when the former joint conference adjourned in disagreement on February 2. The present wage scale will remain Saturday and unless an agreement is reported by miners and operators before that time, 25,000 union miners, coal miners who is said to be the union miners, be called from the mines in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and Idaho Territory.

The joint scale committee of the Central Competitive District adjourned this afternoon to meet Monday morning, when a motion to report a disagreement will be offered with the probability that it will be carried. The session of the joint conference to receive this committee report, will, according to the present program, be called to meet Monday afternoon.

### Operators at War.

The meeting of the joint scale committee adjourned, marred by very bitter words hurled by operators at each other. Mr. F. D. Robbins of the Western Pennsylvania operators, has announced that he intends to pay the increase in wages asked by the miners not only in the mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, of which he is president, but also in his own mines in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. Independent operators in Western Pennsylvania, represented by G. A. Magoun, have announced that they will pay the advance if Mr. Robbins does.

President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers, has firmly declared that no settlement will be made unless an advance in wages is given. Whether the officers of the Mine Workers will allow the miners to sign the scale and go to work in districts where the advance is granted, while others strike is a question operators have tried in vain to get President Mitchell to answer. The only expression Mr. Mitchell has made on the subject was, when he remarked in the committee meeting that the course the operators were taking might bring that situation about.

### Big Reserve Supply.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 24.—An announcement was made today by the anthracite mine operators that they have on hand within a radius of less than 100 miles of New York a reserve supply of more than 9,000,000 tons of good, marketable grades of anthracite coal. This is in addition to the supplies held by the dealers and larger consumers. In accumulating this vast store of coal an army of men have been steadily employed for months. Storage facilities have been increased very largely, income comes by the leasing of farms along the route of railroads. Many of these spots are isolated, but they are within easy transportation distance from New York.

The operators declare that should a strike come there will be no inconveniences such as attended the disturbances in the anthracite region in 1902.

### CONFESSES TO PLOT TO WRECK BIG BUILDINGS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 24.—Charles Atman, a member of the Bridgeport's and Housemen's Union, who was arrested several weeks ago, with two other ironworkers charged with attempting to dynamite the Bliss building, being erected across Twenty-third Street by Post and McCord, today made a complete confession to Assistant District Attorney Train. Mr. Train says he implicated several walking delegates of the New York and New Jersey branches of the union, declaring that they furnished the money to have not only the Bliss Building, but other buildings destroyed and the work of construction halted. The district attorney's office has refused to divulge the names of the walking delegates involved.

### Governor Curry Killed?

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, March 24.—A telegram received by the government to-day from the Island of Samar says that an engagement has occurred between the constabulary and a force of fanatical Pulajans. Governor George Curry is reported to be missing. Details of the affair are lacking.

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Andrew Carnegie Approves Plans for Group of Buildings in Pittsburgh.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PITTSBURG, PA., March 24.—Andrew Carnegie in three years will carry out plans for the greatest technical university the world has ever seen. His model consists of two schools already established in Pittsburgh, one for men, the other for women, but it is announced to-day that the great ironmaster will cover with buildings the 22-acre site on which the schools already in existence stand.

This information was brought to-day from Hot Springs, Va., by Director A. A. Hammarskjold, of the Carnegie technical schools, who has been in conference with Mr. Carnegie at the "Virginia" resort relative to plans for the future of the great industrial university. Mr. Hammarskjold placed before Mr. Carnegie the completed plans for the vast group of buildings that will be erected here, and the Laird of Skibo expressed his approval of them. Contracts will be let within three months for some of the new buildings and the entire group will be completed within three years.

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## GROUP OF VIRGINIANS WHOM GOVERNOR SWANSON HAS CHOSEN FOR PERSONAL STAFF



## MANIAC TRIES TO KILL GORDON

Tired Through Parlor Window of Private Counsel of Mayor Weaver.

## HAD INCOHERENT LETTER

One Addressed to State Senator McNichol Announced Intention to Shoot.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 24.—For a purpose not yet clear, John J. McCafferty, a machinist, late to-day fired two shots from a .32-caliber revolver through the parlor window of the residence of former Judge James Gay Gordon, private counsel to Mayor Weaver.

McCafferty was arrested after a chase of about seven blocks, and is to-night locked up in the City Hall. Judge Gordon was not at home at the time, but other members of the family were in the house. The first bullet lodged in the ceiling of the parlor directly beneath the room which Judge Gordon occupies, and the second embedded itself in the parlor wall. McCafferty showed fight when arrested and still held the revolver, which contained three unexploded cartridges.

### Incoherent Letter.

In his pockets were found several letters addressed to State Senator James E. McNichol, stating that the writer intended to discharge his revolver in front of Judge Gordon's home for the purpose of being taken into court. All of the letters were written in an incoherent manner, and repeatedly referred to an electric current wave by which a certain class called "great thinkers" were causing disease and death. One of the letters requested in the event of McCafferty's being found dead, that Judge Gordon, John M. Mack, a prominent contractor; Mayor Weaver, Director of Public Safety; Potter, Mayor Stoy, of Atlantic City; Postmaster Bacharach, of the same place; Matthew Griffin, chief of the local secret service bureau; Secretary of State Root, William M. George, of the Weather Bureau; E. Bigelow and J. MacPhee of Pittsburgh, be arrested. In another letter McCafferty said:

"If I find dead I have been murdered by Mayor Weaver, Judge Gordon and John M. Mack by their electric current wave forced from their electric magnet machines, which do all the telephoning and telegraphing in the United States." Wrote to Schwab.

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## FOUR MEN HURT AS ENGINES COLLIDE

A Serious Smash-Up at Brook Avenue Crossing Last Night.

## MIND IS CLOUDED BY SEVERE SHOCK

Engineer S. J. Martin, Who Had Left Leg Fractured, Unable to Tell How Collision Occurred—Two Railroads Involved.

As a result of a collision on the Seaboard Air Line last night, about 10 o'clock, near the Brooklyn crossing, four men were badly injured about the body and limbs and had to be carried.

The injured men are:

S. J. Martin, engineer, 1824 West Cary Street; left leg fractured below the knee.

W. H. Fowkes, engineer, of Chester, Va., back and leg bruised.

R. A. Loving, fireman, 1016 North Seventeenth Street; left leg and knee bruised and sprained.

C. D. Johnson, fireman, Petersburg, Va.; left foot cut and knee sprained.

Mind Dazed by Shock.

Dr. Cullen S. Pitt, of the City Hospital, responded with the ambulance to call a few minutes after 10 o'clock and gave all of the victims medical treatment.

Martin and Fowkes were carried in the ambulance to the Memorial Hospital, while Johnson and Loving were carried on the engine down to the depot, and thence were sent home. At the hospital Dr. E. H. Terrell, surgeon for the Seaboard Air Line, treated Martin and set the broken member.

Seen last night at the hospital, Martin seemed very much dazed and in memory was all confused due to the suddenness of the collision. He could recollect nothing of what had occurred.

The injured men are all workmen on the Seaboard Air Line, while the men of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac are Cap'n Jim.

How It Occurred.

Three engineers feigned in the collision. It seems that Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac engine No. 63 was propelling a dead Seaboard engine, No. 529, in charge of Fowkes and Johnson northward, to the yards at Acosta.

Engine No. 524, Seaboard Air Line, in the charge of Martin and Loving, shifting southward, at the rate of eight miles an hour, struck the forward tender of No. 523, smashing it to smithereens. No further damage was done to the others, and except for a little shaking, the engines suffered little.

The cause of the collision was a mistake of signals, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac men laying the responsibility on the Seaboard employees, and the latter shifting the burden. The crew of engine No. 64 escaped without injury, and their names could not be learned late last night.

All of the injured men were reported resting easily at an early hour this morning, and no fatal consequences of their injuries are expected.

## DEMAND RETRACTION FROM RICHMOND MAYOR

Grand Army Post in Ohio Appoints Committee to Memorialize Legislature.

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBUS, O., March 24.—A committee was appointed to-night by Wells Post, G. A. R., to memorialize the Ohio Legislature to ask a retraction of the remarks attributed to Mayor McCarthy, of Richmond, Va., in which he is alleged to have said:

"I recognize but two flags—the State flag of Virginia and the flag of the Confederacy. The Stars and Stripes are all right in their way, but for me, there are but two flags."

The resolution adopted by the post declares:

"That there is unanimous sentiment of the comrades of the post that the mayor of Richmond should be required to disavow or retract, through Commissioner Whitehead, now in Columbus, urging legislative actions, the sentiments he is alleged to have reluctantly to have used, a precedent to the official recognition of the Jamestown Exposition by the State of Ohio, or if this cannot be secured, that the good citizens of Richmond in some public manner condemn such utterances by their chief executive."

## SNOWSTORM IS SWEEPING STATE

Vast Section of Country Under Heavy Pall of White.

## MANY VESSELS IN DISTRESS AT SEA

Three-Masted Schooner Practically Beyond Saving Off Cape Hatteras—Great Loss of Early Crops and Garden Vegetables.

Not in years has there been at this season of the year such a severe, blinding and far-reaching snow storm as is now raging over the entire region of the United States between the far Dakotas and the Atlantic seaboard, and between the Great Lakes and the Gulf. Practically without cessation the fall has continued since 11:15 yesterday morning, and with the fall of yesterday and last night incalculable damage will be inflicted on early crops, and many trains all over the area embraced by the storm will have delayed for hours.

Over Virginia and the Carolinas the storm has raged in its worst severity, and there is little hope of cessation until perhaps this evening, as the available indications are that the storm area is moving with extreme slowness to the East and Northeast. From the western part of the State comes news of numerous delays to passenger trains and of a great loss of crops. In the mountainous districts the depth of the snow averages anywhere between five and seven inches, and the storm is said to be the severest that has visited the State at this season in many years.

### Vessels in Distress.

The greatest loss will be on the sea coast, where a driving northeaster, accompanied with blinding snow, swept the coast all day yesterday, making it exceedingly dangerous for all shipping at sea. Many sailing vessels, ocean barges and the like were forced to stay in port, and the sailors were afraid of the imminent risk of putting out to sea in such storms of weather. Numerous vessels are now ashore on the Virginia and North Carolina coasts, and yesterday practically all alone was abandoned, or given up. At Cape Hatteras the three-masted schooner Raymond T. Maul has turned her head seawards, and she appears to be beyond all hope. In all the blinding snow, tossed like a piece of foam in the raging waves, the crew of the vessel, John and Johnson, were unable to get ashore.

The injured men are all workmen on the Seaboard Air Line, while the men of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac are Cap'n Jim.

All the men are reported resting easily at an early hour this morning, and no fatal consequences of their injuries are expected.

### All Trains Delayed.

At Roanoke the snow began at 10 o'clock, and continuing without abatement, delayed all trains. At Christiansburg the depth yesterday evening had reached six inches, after twenty-four hours of continual fall, and it is said to be the deepest of the winter. At Lynchburg the depth was six inches, and Mecklenburg reports the storm as being accompanied by half a foot.

At Greenville, N. C., the storm, accompanied by a cutting driving gale, began early yesterday morning, and raged without cessation all day and night, causing untold ruin to fruit trees. All early gardening will probably result in a total loss. The storm is the severest in many years, and is said to be the most disastrous for the present generation.

When all is told, the storm will probably have resulted in an incalculable loss.

In many sections of the State the fruits were beginning to bloom, and truckers had begun their early gardening for the city markets. Everything above ground will be effectively blighted in a cold rain.

And the end of the storm is probably not yet, for yesterday it was central over the Eastern and Middle Atlantic states, was moving, but very slowly eastward. Beginning in the central valley of Mississippi, the storm area extended northward to the Great Lakes, westward to the Dakotas and eastward to the Atlantic coast. It is slowly moving further east, out to sea; but it will probably be central over the Atlantic States to-day, where it will continue until the storm center has passed out to sea.

### Sad Blow to the Poor.

The unexpected weather was exceedingly hard and bitter to such of those, badly off in respect to this world's goods, who were the least prepared to meet such wintry conditions. The houseless ones, and their name was legion—immediately

## NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM THE CARTOONIST'S POINT OF VIEW

